

tleman, who had his own standards, and did  
 not look down  
 upon or feel defiant toward, or desire to  
 offend, them, but  
 who did not feel that his standards or position  
 were in any  
 way dependent upon their views and  
 goodwill. For in-  
 stance, the different sovereigns, and the men  
 like the Aus-  
 trians whom I met in the Vienna Jockey Club,  
 were very  
 anxious, so far as good breeding permitted, to  
 make in-  
 quiries as to my life and the lives that my  
 sons were to  
 lead. They thoroughly understood the part I  
 had played in  
 politics, my having been the colonel of a good  
 cavalry regi-  
 ment in a war, and my finding amusement in  
 hunting big  
 game during a year's trip in Africa—all of this  
 they would  
 have much liked to do themselves. They would  
 have much'  
 liked to have held such positions as I had  
 held. Also they  
 all of them immediately fraternized with  
 Kermit, feeling at  
 home with him at once, and much admiring  
 the fact that  
 before he was twenty he had killed lion and  
 elephants,  
 that he could ride and shoot, that he was very  
 quiet and  
 modest, and yet entirely self-confident, and  
 had his own  
 ideals, which were alien to theirs.

Men who had done these things they could  
 understand;  
 and they also understood men who did the  
 things that their  
 own bourgeois class did; but what puzzled  
 them was to  
 find the two characters combined. They would  
 often write  
 to one another from one capital to another  
 about this, and  
 ask in one place questions as to what I had  
 said in another.  
 I told them, for instance, that Ted was a

better shot and  
rider than either Kermit or myself, and if any  
war occurred  
I should start him to raise a cavalry troop at  
once, and  
would guarantee that he would acquit himself  
well in han-  
dling his men on the march and in battle; that  
as soon as he  
had left Harvard he had gone into a mill, had  
worked with  
blouse and tin dinner pail, exactly like any  
other workman  
for a year, and when he had graduated from  
the mill had  
gone out for the same firm to San Francisco,  
where he was  
selling carpets; and I added that after  
finishing his course  
at Harvard Kermit would do something  
precisely the same  
kind, and that I should regard it as an  
unspeakable disgrace